

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

The Specification and the Drawings have been replaced. amended. Claims 2-3 have been cancelled, without prejudice, and claims 8-23 have been added. Thus, claims 8-23 are now pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable.

II. THE OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

The Examiner objected to the Specification because of numerous grammatical errors. Applicant has amended the Specification to address this objection. In light of the amendments, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the Specification be withdrawn.

III. THE 35 U.S.C. §112 REJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

The Examiner rejected claims 2 and 3 for failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. As the Examiner will ascertain, claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled and new claims 8-23 have been added to address this rejection.

The Examiner also rejected claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains. In particular, the Examiner indicated that the operation of the upper jaws is not understood in view of the Specification and the Drawings. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner. As illustrated in Figure 4, move of the jaw to grip the jar is shown. Similar to the lower jaws, the upper jaws are also connected to a set of gears. Figure 4 indicates that the gears are engaged to the jaws. As would be understood by one skilled in the art, as the

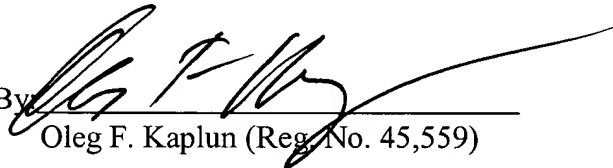
gears rotate, the jaws would moved closer together or further apart. Thus, Figure 4 discloses the manner which the jaws would move to grip the jar. Furthermore, as the Examiner will ascertain, the Specification has been amended to include a description of the embodiment illustrated in Figure 4. In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the §112 rejections be withdrawn.

IV. CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are novel, nonobvious and useful. In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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